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Member Opportunities

NAFTA and Asia-Pacific Policy Teams

With the 90 day NAFTA Congressional consultation period and the U.S.-China 100-day plan on trade underway we expect many more fast paced and dramatic developments that could greatly change the terms of trade for NAEGA members. Your involvement is needed!

NAEGA ad hoc policy teams of member personnel working largely through conference calls are helping to guide our multifaceted effort to address the evolving trade environment. Teams focused on the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Asia-Pacific Market are already established. The **NAFTA Policy Team** will be heavily engaged over the next three months to support NAEGA work with the U.S. Food and Ag. Dialogue for Trade, The Pacific Northwest Economic Region, the Canada U.S. Grain and Seed Trade Task Group and the NAEGA committees and Board of Directors to address NAFTA. A similar effort will soon start with an **Asia-Pacific Policy Team** that will be focused on U.S. trade relations with China, Japan, Korea and the Trans Pacific environment more generally.

Please contact [Ryan](#) if you have any questions or are interested in participating in NAEGA's ad hoc policy teams.

CANCELLED: NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices – Vancouver – July 20

We regret to inform you that the next NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices Seminar in Vancouver, BC has been cancelled. NAEGA is still considering an upcoming seminar in Tokyo, Japan. In addition, private seminars with individual companies are also available. If you are interested in learning more about topics and formats of our seminars, please contact Gary or Ryan.

PNWER Annual Summit – Portland, OR – July 23-27

NAEGA is working to shape agriculture trade related discussion at the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's (PNWER) Annual Summit on July 23-27. NAFTA modernization, and infrastructure are the focus of the Summit that NAEGA is most interested in. The summit is an annual event that brings together leaders from Pacific Northwest states and Western Canada to discuss opportunities for growth within the region and address major challenges to the economy and our environment. NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin will attend and speak on the importance of trade to North America during the PNWER Agriculture Working Group session on July 24.

A preliminary agenda can be found [here](#). Please register [here](#) if you are interested in attending.

Board of Directors Meeting – Arlington, VA – September 13

The next meeting of the NAEGA Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, September 13 in Arlington, VA. NAEGA member representatives are invited to attend and submit topics for discussion. Please contact Gary or Ryan if you need travel assistance or have any questions.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars

Proposed open seminars are under consideration in Tokyo, Japan in the last half 2017.

NAEGA also conducts company specific private seminars. Please let us know if you are interested attending or hosting a NAEGA seminar. Click [here](#) for more information the in-depth, interactive programs NAEGA conducts!

Internships

We have an open intern position starting May 2017 to work at the NAEGA office at 1400 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Information on working for NAEGA as an intern can be found [here](#).

Full Details on Upcoming Events can be found in the Meetings & Events Section of the [NAEGA Member's Only Page](#).

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Action Reports

Recent Actions:

Fraud and Contracting Guidelines

In compliance for FAS Market Access Program regulations NAEGA has submitted its Fraud prevention and contracting guidelines to FAS for approval. NAEGA's Fraud Prevention policies help to prevent fraud in the use of NAEGA funds and MAP program expenses. The Contracting guidelines lay out rules NAEGA staff must follow when soliciting contracts from outside vendors of more than \$35,000. Both policies comply with FAS rules regarding fraud prevention and contracting procedures.

A copy of the Fraud Prevention policy can be found [here](#). A copy of the Contracting Procedures can be found [here](#). For more information, please contact Ryan.

Contribution Report

On Thursday, June 29 NAEGA submitted its annual 2016 Contribution Report to FAS, officially closing out the 2016 MAP Program Year. The contribution report highlights industry and staff contributions to NAEGA's Unified Export Strategy (UES) efforts. Per MAP regulations, NAEGA and NAEGA industry personnel must contribute the same amount of money to NAEGA's UES as allocated in its MAP agreement, plus 10 percent. In 2016, NAEGA and its membership contributed 167 percent of its MAP allocation to its UES objectives. Thank you to all NAEGA members and member personnel who worked to accomplish NAEGA's UES objectives, proving once again that NAEGA is dedicated to "working together to make trade work"!

A copy of the NAEGA contribution report can be found [here](#). For more information, please contact Ryan.

IGTC Newsletter

The latest IGTC newsletter is now available! This week's newsletter welcomes the Ukrainian Grain Association to IGTC membership, includes a debrief on the IPPC ePhyto IAG meetings in Arlington and an update on Gary's visit to Geneva for an IGTC Strategy Session.

For more details, read the IGTC Newsletter [here](#) or visit the IGTC website at www.igtglobal.org.

IPPC ePhyto IAG Meeting

On June 27 and 28 the IGTC Secretariat Katy Lee and President Gary Martin participated in the International Plant Protection Convention's (IPPC) ePhyto Industry Advisory Group meeting in Arlington, VA. The IPPC, the main UN body leading a pilot project on the exchange of electronic phytosanitary certificates, led the meeting which involved 15 countries including Argentina, Australia, China, USA, Netherlands and Egypt. The IAG is currently advising the IPPC on the ePhyto program, which will allow National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) to exchange phytosanitary certificates. The program is currently being tested and the pilot will officially be up and running by September 2017. Following the meeting, IAG participants also conducted an outreach session with D.C. Embassies from around the world. During the session, Gary gave a presentation that raised the awareness of the potential benefits of trade digitization, including increased efficiency, cost reduction and more secure transactions.

ISF Meetings Trip Report

A trip report is now available for Katy's travel to the International Seed Federation's (ISF) World Congress and Plant Breeding Innovation Working Group meeting in Budapest, Hungary. In Budapest Katy attended the Plant Breeding Innovation Working Group meeting of the International Seed Federation (ISF) and the annual World Seed Congress, which included an "open session" of the Plant Breeders meeting. During the meetings, IGTC made progress on its Plant Breeding Innovation file, one of its most important in 2017. Over the past year, the IGTC has been considering policy and information sharing plans with the ISF related to new plant breeding innovations (PBI). Over this period, the IGTC and the ISF have been working closely to find common ground and develop common communications plans toward securing international regulatory coherence and compatibility on PBIs.

A copy of the trip report can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Actions:

UN GHS Subcommittee Meeting – Geneva – July 10-12

On July 8-12 NAEGA Volunteer Jess McCluer will travel to London, UK to participate in the UN's Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and its Correspondence Group. During this mission Jess will be working closely with the International Dry Bulk Terminal Group (DBTG) and its sister organization the International Bulk Terminals Association (IBTA) to monitor and report on developments at the GHS to classify grain as combustible under a proposed chapter to the GHS. Jess, as a member of the GHS's Correspondence Group, will be monitoring responses and comments to a non-binding guidance on grain as a combustible material that will be presented to the Subcommittee by the Correspondence Group during this meeting.

A copy of the notice to post for this upcoming travel is available [here](#).

USAEDC Attaché Seminar and FAS Consultations – Arlington – July 12-13

NAEGA members and Washington Representatives are invited to attend the annual U.S. Agriculture Export Development Council's (USAEDC) annual Attaché Seminar in Arlington, VA on July 13. Gary and Ryan will be attending on behalf of NAEGA and representing NAEGA during the USAEDC Consultation meeting with FAS on July 12.

If you are interested in joining NAEGA Staff and attending the Seminar please [fill out this form](#) and submit it to USAEDC. A copy of the Attache Seminar agenda can be found [here](#). Please let Ryan or Gary know if you are interested in contributing to discussions with FAS attaches during the consultations.

IGTC Working Visit – Australia – July 20-August 5

On July 20-August 5 Katy Lee, IGTC Secretariat, will travel to Melbourne and Sydney, Australia to conduct an IGTC Working Visit with Grain Trade Australia (GTA). In Australia, Katy will coordinate closely with GTA and Sydney-based corporate stakeholders to gather insight as well as inform IGTC policy files. Katy will also represent the IGTC at the 2017 Australian Grain Industry Conference (AGIC), during which she will give a presentation on the theme “Global grain industry working together to facilitate trade”. The session will focus on global food security and the role for the grains industry. While at the AGIC Katy will also update GTA's Trade and Market Access Committee on IGTC policies regarding phytosanitary control, electronic trading documentation and minimum residue limits.

Pending Actions:

APHIS Consultations on IPPC Activities

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is accepting consultations on three draft specifications and 13 draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) from the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

Draft Specifications:

- [Revision of ISPM 12](#)
- [Audit of phytosanitary context](#)
- [Supplement to ISPM 11](#)

Draft ISMPs:

- [2017 Amendments to ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms](#)
- [International movement of cut flowers and foliage](#)
- [Requirements for the use of fumigation as a phytosanitary measure](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Bactrocera dorsalis complex](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Conotrachelus nenuphar](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Ips spp](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Xylella fastidiosa](#)
- [Diagnostic protocols: Puccinia psidii](#)
- [Revision of Diagnostic Protocol: Plus pox virus](#)
- [Revision of ISPM 6: Surveillance](#)
- [Requirements for the use of temperature treatments as a phytosanitary measure](#)
- [Draft revision of Annexes 1 & 2 to ISPM15](#)
- [Draft 2015 and 2016 amendments to ISPM 5 Glossary of phytosanitary terms](#)

Please contact Gary or Ryan if you are interested in contributing to any of these comments.

CFIA Consultations for Canada-U.S. RCC

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is seeking input from stakeholders for the development of new cooperation opportunities and prioritization of existing initiatives under the Canada-United States Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC). The purpose of this consultation is to provide an additional mechanism to seek stakeholder feedback on the prioritization of work plan initiatives currently being pursued between the CFIA and its U.S. regulatory counterparts, and to solicit input on potential opportunities for the future. There is no firm deadline for completion of this consultation. However, CFIA's tentative timeframe for collecting input is by fall of this year. Input [can be submitted at this link](#).

Canadian Government NAFTA Consultations

The Government of Canada is seeking public and industry comment on the renegotiation of the North American free trade agreement (NAFTA). The Government is interested in We are in hearing about what aspects or elements of NAFTA have worked well for Canadians and should remain as is and where changes or improvements could be desirable. The notice is part of the Government of Canada's ongoing domestic consultation process with stakeholders, including provinces and territories, businesses, civil society organizations, labour unions, academia, Canada's Indigenous peoples, and individual Canadians, and was published in the Canada Gazette on June 3.

Comments can be emailed to NAFTA-Consultations-ALENA@international.gc.ca by the July 18 deadline. Please let Gary or Ryan know if you would like to participate in these comments.

Mexican Government NAFTA Consultations

The Mexican Government is seeking industry, academic and citizen comments on trade priorities in a renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Comments can be made on the Ministry of Economy website [here](#). If you are interested in commenting on priorities for NAFTA, please contact Ryan or Gary. Comments are due July 27.

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In the News

China Safety Certificates for Enlist Corn

With the Chinese approval of DOW AgroSciences Enlist Corn (DAS-40278-9), Safety Certificates are now available for import. To request a copy of the Safety Certificate for Enlist Corn, grain handlers can submit their information through the DOW AgroSciences website, [here](#).

In order to obtain import approval for grain or byproducts from biotech crops, including Enlist Corn, grain handlers must submit a Safety Certificate obtained from the biotech trait developer to the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture (MOA).

U.S. Government Transition

Cabinet Nominations and Confirmations: NAEGA continues to monitor Cabinet nominations. Nominations hearings are currently ongoing. NAEGA understands the following nominations and confirmations have been made:

Cabinet Position	Name	Status
Vice President	Mike Pence	Elected
Secretary of State	Rex Tillerson	Confirmed
Secretary of Treasury	Steve Mnuchin	Confirmed
Secretary of Defense	James Mattis	Confirmed
Department of Justice-Attorney General	Jeff Sessions	Confirmed
Secretary of the Interior	Ryan Zinke	Confirmed
Secretary of Agriculture	Sonny Perdue	Confirmed
Secretary of Commerce	Wilbur Ross	Confirmed
Secretary of Labor	Alex Acosta	Confirmed
Secretary of Health and Human Services	Tom Price	Confirmed
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Ben Carson	Confirmed
Secretary of Transportation	Elaine Chao	Confirmed
Secretary of Energy	Rick Perry	Confirmed
Secretary of Education	Betsy DeVos	Confirmed
Secretary of Veterans Affairs	David Shulkin	Confirmed
Secretary of Homeland Security	John F. Kelly	Confirmed

High-Level Office	Name	Status
Director of Office of Management and Budget	Mick Mulvaney	Confirmed
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency	Mike Pompeo	Confirmed
Ambassador to the United Nations	Nikki Haley	Confirmed
Admin. of the Small Business Administration	Linda McMahon	Confirmed
Admin. of the Environmental Protection Agency	Scott Pruitt	Confirmed
Admin Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv	Seema Verma	Confirmed
Secretary of the Army		
Trade Representative	Robert Lighthizer	Confirmed
National Aeronautics and Space Administrator		
Director of National Intelligence	Daniel Coats	Confirmed

Assistants to the President	Name	Status
White House Chief of Staff	Reince Priebus	Appointed
Senior Advisor	Jared Kushner	Appointed
Counsel to the President	Don McGahn	Appointed
Special Advisor on Regulatory Reform	Carl Icahn	Appointed

Economic Policy and National Economic Council	Gary Cohn	Appointed
Counselor to the President	Kellyanne Conway	Appointed
Deputy National Security Advisor	KT McFarland	Appointed
National Security Advisor	Michael Flynn	Appointed
National Trade Council	Peter Navarro	Appointed
Special Rep. International Negotiations	Jason Greenblatt	Appointed
Senior Counselor and Chief Strategist	Stephen Bannon	Appointed
Press Secretary	Sean Spicer	Appointed
Director of Strategic Communications	Hope Hicks	Appointed
Director of Social Media	Dan Scavino	Appointed
Homeland Security & Deputy Nat'l Security Advisor	Thomas Bossert	Appointed
Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers	Kevin Hassett	Appointed
Director of the Office of Science		

Selected Ambassadors	Name	Status
US Ambassador to China	Terry Branstad	Confirmed
US Ambassador to Israel	David Friedman	Confirmed
US Ambassador to Canada	Kelly Knight Craft	Nominated
US Ambassador to Mexico		
US Ambassador to Japan	Bill Hagerty	Nominated
US Ambassador to the EU		
US Ambassador to Korea	Victor Cha	Nominated

If you would like more information, or wish to provide comments on any of these news topics monitored by NAEGA, please contact us.

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12-13 – USAEDC Attaché Seminar – Arlington, VA

18 – Comments on NAFTA Negotiations due to Canadian government

23-27 – PNWER Annual Summit – Calgary, Alberta, Canada

27 – Comments on NAFTA Negotiations due to Mexican Government

24-28 – IMO Council Session – London, UK

August

7-11 – IGTC Working Visit with GTA – Sydney, Australia

17 – APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology - Vietnam

September

8 – IGC Market Conditions Committee, London, UK

11-15- IMO CCCC – London, UK

13 – NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting. Arlington, VA

14 – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

October

TBD –NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices Seminar – Tokyo, Japan

November

13-17 – IPPC Standards Committee – Rome, Italy

TBD – USDA FGIS Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Meeting

27 – IGTC General Assembly – Beijing, China

December

3 – NGFA Country Elevator Conference

5 – 46th IGC Council Session – London, UK

6-8 – GHS Subcommittee Meeting – Geneva, Switzerland

14 – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

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March

18-20 – NGFA Annual Convention – Scottsdale, Arizona

18-20 – NAEGA Annual Meetings – Scottsdale, Arizona

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